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# St Peter's Newsletter

MARCH 2019

## Head Teacher

Dear Parents

Another great year has come to a close. Thank you everyone for supporting the school as we strive to provide the very best we can for your children. This year has seen an OFSTED inspection which has truly reflected our exciting curriculum, a year of sporting successes and fun, achieving the Green Flag for our environmental work and the Gold Sports Mark. Not to mention (again) our shortlisting for the TES International award! Your children have made us very proud with their hard work ethic and achievements. The year 6 children have achieved really well in their SATS results and the data will be published on our website in September.

May I wish you all a restful holiday in which the children and staff can recharge their batteries for an exciting Autumn Term ahead.

Sarah Dunning  
Head Teacher

## Morgans Butchers

Many thanks to Morgans who have donated the burgers and sausages for the Y6 Leavers' Party.

We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Scudder and Mrs Norford this week as they leave us to move onto new adventures. We wish them all the very best. We have also said a fond farewell to Mrs Molony who is retiring after 23 years of service to St Peter's. She has many adventures planned and we look forward to hearing about them.

We say goodbye to Mrs Holloway and Ms Oakley as they leave their posts as lunchtime supervisors. We wish them well in their new roles. We welcome 3 new members to our team: Miss Nash, Mr Lee and Mrs Perkins.

Last Tuesday afternoon, parents and careers were invited to come and listen to another performance of Farnham Festival piece "The Starship Silver Grey." This time all the children in Year 2 sung and again our Year 6 girls, Molly and Barira, superbly narrated the story of the journey into space. It really was an "out of this world" experience! Thank you to all who came and supported the children

### Runways End

Year 2 enjoyed a day outdoors, using their map skills to complete an orienteering trail and showing courage to tackle the big climbing walls. We are very proud of all the chil-

dren who set themselves a personal challenge and then pushed themselves to climb even higher.



The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Summer Reading Challenge 2019

### **Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019 begins on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July!**

During the summer holidays the school doors are locked. So, where are the children going to find lots of lovely books to read for FREE? At their local library! And to encourage their reading, the Reading Agency has once again organised **The Summer Reading Challenge**. The theme this year is, **Space Chase**, inspired by the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the moon landing. So get set for a thrilling mission with the 'The Rockets' family to track down books

nabbed by mischievous aliens!

Being designed for all reading abilities, children can choose whatever books, audiobooks, comics, ebooks or eAudiobooks they like to complete the challenge. Every participant receives stickers and other incentives along the way and those who read six books are presented with a personalised certificate.

It is great fun, so why not go to your local library and help your child to enjoy his/her reading throughout the summer holidays. You could be pleasantly surprised at the difference it makes!

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# Celebrating Birthdays

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The Healthy Schools committee have been thinking about areas around our school where we can promote a healthier lifestyle.

As you are aware, in the UK our diets are too high in sugar. Too much sugar is bad for children's health as it can lead to the build-up of harmful fat on the inside that we can't see. This fat can cause weight gain and serious diseases like type 2 diabetes, which people are getting younger than ever before, and heart disease and some cancers. It can also lead to painful tooth decay and every 10 minutes, a child in England has a tooth removed in hospital.

The recommended **maximum** daily intake of sugar for children is

4-6 year olds = 19g (5 teaspoons )

7-10 year olds = 24g (6 teaspoons)

11+ = 30g (7 teaspoons)

**Many children are having over twice the amount of sugar recommended every day.**

Although we recognise that giving out sweets is a fun way to celebrate birthdays we would like to promote alternative ways which will not impact on our health. We have listened to the ideas of children within our class and have agreed the following;

From September we ask that children **do not** bring in sweets or cakes to give out to their classmates. Instead, the birthday will be celebrated in class and the child will have the option to wear a birthday badge which will act as a 'special pass' for agreed privileges. The children have come up with a number of ideas which will be voted on in September on a class-by-class basis.

We would like to take away the expectation that children should bring in something. If your child still feels they would like to share something with their classmates then please ensure it is not food based.

Thank you for your support with this.

From all the children on the Healthy Schools Committee

## CHARITY DAY - £1152

As you know the children held their annual Charity Day last Friday afternoon and raised a staggering **£1152!** The money has been shared between two local charities; Farnham-based, Change of Scene and Step by Step, based in Aldershot. Both of these charities focus on the well-being of children and young people who need support in various ways.

We were delighted that Matthew Sleaf from Step by Step was able to join us for assembly this week to thank the children in person for their incredible efforts. He explained how the money would be used to support troubled young people between the ages of 13 and 25, some of whom are without family or home in our local area.

Change of Scene were delighted to hear that they were to receive a donation of £576. Their head of fundraising wrote: *"This is amazing news! Thank you so much for this unexpected generosity and please pass our thanks onto pupils, parents and staff of St Peters. Donations really do make a difference to us and we're so grateful to be chosen as one of the charities you support."*

Charity Day is very special in that it has absolutely no input from adults. Children sort out their own stalls, bring in their own float and market their stall, deciding what to charge for their goods or attraction. It's actually a lovely afternoon for staff with the pupils in charge. As well as developing entrepreneurial skills, children also learn how they can put something back into their local community.

Each year there are more stalls ranging from cakes, nail bars, football and sporting challenges through to crafts that children have created. This year, many staff were delighted to be able to buy hand waxed cloths as an alternative to plastic for covering unused food – fitting perfectly with our Eco- focus.

It is a great way for our children to be able to see how they can put something back into the local community. Thank you to families for supporting children in this amazing achievement.





# In Brief

In our efforts to be more environmentally friendly we are no longer going to supply zippy plastic wallets to each child to use to keep their reading books in. Instead we are introducing much sturdier document wallets for every pupil throughout the school, these will last from Early Years all the way through and including year 6. Initially, the school will supply these at no cost to the pupils, however if the wallet is lost or broken, there will be a £3-00 charge to replace it. These will in future be on the uniform list via SCOPAY.

We had an absolutely fantastic afternoon at District Athletics! The children were amazing and really pushed themselves with so many placing highly in their heats and reaching the finals. The phenomenal team spirit and the way they supported each other was an absolute pleasure to be part of.



## Mid Summer Music

The Hart Male Voice Choir will be performing a selection of rousing anthems, traditional songs and numbers from the musicals at St Peter's Church on Saturday 17th August. Doors open 7:00pm, concert starts at 7:30pm tickets £10-00 at [hatmvc.org.uk](http://hatmvc.org.uk)



## TRICK BOX - developing resilience and positive well-being

From September we shall be introducing a new programme called: Trick Box. It is designed to be used by staff across the school and should be easy to integrate and use. The programme has been developed by a team at Bournemouth University and has positive feedback from staff, pupils and parents in other schools. It fits perfectly into our curriculum in many ways and is designed to help pupils:

- Recognize and self manage emotions
- Develop mindful awareness and body connection
- Build awareness and choices around body language signals
- Create confident decision making
- Set and achieve positive goals
- Develop communication skills to enhance interpersonal relationships
- Problem solve and create solution thinking
- Create intrinsic motivation and the confidence to try new things in new ways
- Create long term personal autonomy and resilience

The link below was on the BBC local news last week.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-dorset-49022333/school-children-using-trick-cards-to-manage-stress>

Trick Box involves a triangular relationship: Pupils, School and Parents. We shall be communicating more on this next term.

Recorder concert  
Year 4 have been learning the recorder since the start of the year...  
The recorder concert was an amazing experience to play an instrument in front of people...  
We sang three of our "Footprints on the Moon" songs and played a few recorder songs...  
I enjoyed it very much. Thank you to Mrs Cobb for getting us this far.

After our amazing success at district athletics 5 of our most talented year 6 athletes were invited to take part at county level as part of the Farnham and districts team. The competition was at a very high level with over 100 top athletes drawn from all over Surrey. Each athlete had to perform a throw, a jump, a sprint and the dreaded (for some!) 600m. Peter, Abigail, Josh, Freya and Jemima performed superbly with Jemima and Freya reaching a gold standard for British Athletics and Abigail, Josh and Peter a Silver Standard. Especially well done after 2 late nights at the play year 6! You were a credit to St Peters.

